

6-15. The nicotine delivery system of claim ~~43~~, wherein the nicotine carrier comprises a porous polymer plug charged with a nicotine free-base.

6-16. The nicotine delivery system of claim ~~44~~, wherein the porous plug is formed of polyethylene.

6-17. The nicotine delivery system of claim ~~45~~, wherein said access means includes a selectively penetrable portion attached to the carrier by means of a nicotine-impermeable seal.

6-18. The nicotine delivery system of claim ~~45~~, wherein the container is tubular in shape and said access means and said differential pressure means includes penetrable seals at opposite ends of the container.

6-19. The nicotine delivery system of claim ~~45~~, wherein the container is formed at least in part of a polymer of acrylonitrile and methyl acrylate.

6-20. The nicotine delivery system of claim ~~48~~, wherein said access means is formed of an aluminum foil coated with a copolymer of acrylonitrile and methyl acrylate.

6-21. The nicotine delivery system of claim ~~49~~, wherein the coating of copolymer of acrylonitrile and methyl acrylate is heat sealed to the container.

6-22. The nicotine delivery system of claim ~~49~~, wherein the carrier is maintained in inert gas.

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-> 52. The nicotine delivery system of claim 51, wherein
said inert gas is nitrogen. (22)

Claim 12, line 14, after "atmosphere" add -- and maintained in
an effectively oxygen-free environment --;

Please amend claim 17 as follows:

8. (Once Amended) The cartridge of claim 12, wherein [the
nicotine-impermeable barrier comprises forming] said housing is
formed of a copolymer of acrylonitrile and methyl acrylate.

Claim 18, line 1, change "12" to -- 17 --.

10. (Once Amended) The cartridge of claim 18, wherein
the aluminum foil includes a coating on at least one side of a
copolymer of acrylonitrile and methyl acrylate with said coating
being heat sealed to the housing.

11. (Once Amended) The cartridge of claim 12, wherein [the
nicotine-impermeable barrier comprises covering] said cartridge
housing is covered with a layer of aluminum foil.

12. (Once Amended) The cartridge of claim 20, wherein the
aluminum foil includes a coating on at least one side of a
copolymer of acrylonitrile and methyl acrylate with said coating
being heat sealed to the housing.

Please cancel claim 22, without prejudice.

Claim 23, line 1, change "22" to -- 12 --.